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and Methods of Treating Porous Substrates

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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/746,743 filed December 22, 2003, by
Ali Yahiaoui et al. for "Treated Nonwoven Material".

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,467 filed December 31, 2003, by L. Warren
Collier, IV et al. for "Strong High Loft Low Density Nonwoven Webs and Laminates Thereof".

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449, however, copies are provided herewith.

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Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

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